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To Whom It May Concern,

I do hope the DOJ does what ever is possible to get the Microsoft settlement closed and done with. I am a software developer and am amazed at the array of law suits maligned against Microsoft by companies with vastly inferior products. The government in alliance with these jackals have encouraged this deluge. The latest: AOL, seeking damages for Netscape, a horrible product. Just get a competent software engineer to compare the public APIs of the two products. Netscape's is a mess and only a fool would choose to target it for development over Internet Explorer. And AOL squawking about closed monopolies? Ask them why it is not possible to interface with their messenger. Compare this policy to Microsoft's .NET W3C sanctioned architecture where all interfaces are discoverable with a simple invocation of a URL.

Please, end the travesty and let the industry once again freely evolve. Allow us to develop and integrate our products into freely emerging standards without the fear of federal impediment. And if you must meddle, force AOL to open their products, specifically messaging, to the newly standardized interfaces.

Sincerely,

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